

§ 1304.3

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or diverted from a pool plant to another pool plant or partially regulated plant shall be classified as Class I milk unless the operators of both plants request not to classify it Class I. In either case, the classification of such transfers or diversion shall be subject to the following conditions;

(1) The fluid milk products classified in Class I shall be limited to the amount of fluid milk products, respectively, remaining in Class I at the transferee-plant or diverted-plant.

(2) [Reserved]

(b) *Transfers and diversions to producers-handlers.* Fluid milk products transferred or diverted from a pool plant to a producer-handler shall be classified as Class I.

(c) *Transfers to plants located outside of the regulated area.* Fluid milk products (not including bulk transfers of skim milk, condensed milk, bulk milk transferred and classified Class I by a federal market order and milk processed (i.e., pasturized, homogenized, or blended) transferred in bulk from a pool plant to a plant located outside of the regulated area, except a partially regulated plant having Class I disposition in the regulated area, the volume of milk (including milk diverted pursuant to §1301.23(d)) in excess of the percentage of total producer receipts, pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, shall be excluded from producer milk. The transferred milk excluded pursuant to this paragraph shall be prorated to all sources of milk received at this plant unless the operator of the plant selects the sources to be excluded. This paragraph will not apply to any pool plant in which the facilities are temporarily unusable because of fire, flood, storm, equipment failure or similar extraordinary circumstances completely beyond the pool plant operator's control; provided, the operator of the pool plant notifies the Commission within two (2) days following such occurrence;

(d) Milk transferred in excess of the following percentages of total producer receipts shall be excluded from producer milk:

	Percent
January, February, July, December	10
March, April, May, June	13
August, September, October, November	8

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§ 1304.3 General classification rules.

In determining the classification of producer milk pursuant to §1304.4, the following rules shall apply:

(a) Each month the compact commission shall correct for mathematical and other obvious errors all reports filed pursuant to §1303.1 and shall compute separately for each pool plant and for each cooperative association with respect to milk for which it is the handler pursuant to §1301.9(d) the pounds of skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in Class I in accordance with §§1304.1 and 1304.2;

(b) The classification of producer milk for which a cooperative association is the handler pursuant to §1301.9(d) shall be determined separately from the operations of any pool plant operated by such cooperative; and

(c) If receipts from more than one pool plant are to be assigned, the receipts shall be assigned in sequence according to the zone locations of the plants, beginning with the plant in the lowest-numbered zone for assignments to Class I milk.

§ 1304.4 Classification of producer milk at a pool plant.

For each month the compact commission shall determine the classification of producer milk of each handler described in §1301.9(a) for each of the handler's pool plants separately and of each handler described in §1301.9(d) by allocating the handler's receipts of fluid milk products to the handler's utilization pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

(a) Fluid milk products shall be allocated in the following manner:

(1) Subtract from the total pounds of fluid milk products in Class I the pounds of fluid milk products in:

(i) Beginning inventory packaged fluid milk products;

(ii) Receipts of Class I fluid milk products from other pool plants and partially regulated plants;

(iii) Disposition of Class I fluid milk products outside of the regulated area;